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SUBJECT: BILATERAL S&T AGREEMENT

REF: TEHRAN 1064, 633; STATE 48689, 73527

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1. TEHRAN 1064 ADVISED OF FAVORABLE INITIAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & HIGHER EDUCATION RESPONSE TO US SUGGESTIONS RE IMPROVING ON EFFECTIVENESS OF LAPSED S&T AGREEMENT. GOI WAS TO PROVIDE FORMAL REACTION AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION. REQUEST EMB CONFIRM GOI REACTION AND INTEREST IN AGREEMENT RENEWAL.

2. NSF IS WILLING TO UNDERTAKE ROLE OF EXECUTIVE AGENT IN RENEWED AGREEMENT; COOPERATIVE S&T ACTIVITIES UNDER SECRET

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AGREEMENT WOULD NOT HOWEVER, BE LIMITED TO NSF PROGRAMS

BUT WOULD INVOLVE OTHER USG AGENCIES AS MUTUAL INTERESTS DEVELOP. IN THIS CONTEXT DEPT PLEASED WITH MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & HIGHER EDUCATION VIEW THAT OTHER GOI MINISTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS WOULD PARTICIPATE (TEHRAN 633). ALSO, NORMALLY AGREEMENTS SUCH AS THIS DO NOT EXCLUDE COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS OUTSIDE OF ITS SPECIFIC PARAMETERS.

3. AFTER RECEIPT OF FORMAL GOI RESPONSE (PARA 1) DEPT PREPARED TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR GOI

CONSIDERATION. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN TEHRAN BETWEEN APPROPRIATE USG AND GOI REPRESENTATIVES. THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE PRIMARILY FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC AREAS AND ACTIVITIES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SUCH DISCUSSIONS COULD BE WITHIN CONTEXT OF EXPERT TEAMS SUGGESTED PARA 5, STATE 73527, ALTHOUGH HERE FOCUSING MORE ON MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION THAN ON TRANSFER OF SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS. PLEASE ADVISE GOI VIEWS. KISSINGER

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